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NEW YORK THE WONDER CITY.

NEW YORK, the first city in America and the second largest in the world is truly a city of wonders. Three hundred years ago used as a camping ground by the American Indians, Manhattan Island was discovered by Henry Hudson in 1609, and the first permanent settlement was established by the Dutch in 1624, and named New Amsterdam. In 1626 the entire island of Manhattan was purchased from the Indians for beads and trinkets valued at $24.00. The English took posession in 1664 and named it New York.

In 1898 Greater New York was formed by the consolidation of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queensboro and Richmond and the total population is now 5,750,000. The Borough of Manhattan which was the city proper before the consolidation contains a population of 2 ½ million, which are crowded into a narrow space about 13 miles long and two miles wide, containing only about 19 square miles. The value of the land is now estimated at $4,020,000,000, value of realty improvements $6,075,000,000 an average of $432,000 per acre. Land in the down town district is worth from $300 to $600 per square foot.

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STATUE OF LIBERTY, NEW YORK CITY.

Statue of Liberty on Bedloes Island in New York Bay 1¼ miles from the Battery, a colossal figure of Liberty enlightening the World. It lights the harbor with an electric torch held 306 feet above the water, the highest beacon in the world. Was presented to America by the French nation.

THE WOOLWORTH BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

Occupies a plot 151x197 feet at Broadway and Barclay Street. It is the tallest building in the world, rising to a height of 750 feet, 55 stories above the ground. The foundation consists of caissons 19 feet in diameter sunk to bedrock, 110 to 130 feet below the ground. Total cost is estimated at $15,000,000.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

Facing City Hall Park at Park Row and Center Streets contains offices for all the city departments and is the largest structure of its kind in the world. It is 34 stories, 580 feet high, including a 30 foot statue of Miss Civic Pride on tower. Foundation consists of 116 Pneumatic caissons sunk 260 feet below water level. Total cost $13,000,000.

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SINGER BUILDING AND PART OF FINANCIAL DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY.

Singer Building, located on the corner of Broadway and Liberty Streets is 47 stories high rising to a total height of 612 feet. In it are 5,000 tenants, who are carried to their offices by 16 Otis traction elevators. The foundations consist of 36 caissons sunk to bedrock 92 feet below the surface. Built by the Singer Mfg. Co.

THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Building is located at No. 1 Madison Avenue, opposite Madison Square. It is built of carved white marble and is the most elegantly finished and valuable building in the world. The tower is 700 feet high, 52 stories. The electric clock is 30 feet in diameter and at night is visible for miles.

FLAT IRON BUILDING, BROADWAY AND FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

Fuller Building, generally known as the Flat Iron building stands at the intersection of Broadway and Fifth Avenue facing 23rd Street. Was the first steel frame sky scraper built in the world. It is 300 feet high and contains 120,000 square feet of floor space above ground and 13,340 square feet under the sidewalk.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE, NEW YORK CITY.

Brooklyn Bridge from City Hall, Manhattan to Sands Street. Brooklyn Bridge was started in 1870 opened May 24th, 1883, considered the world's greatest achievement in bridge construction. Total length 6537 feet, width 85 feet, 500,000 people and 5,000 vehicles cross the bridge daily.

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MANHATTAN BRIDGE, NEW YORK CITY.

Manhattan Bridge, a double-deck suspension bridge, constructed 1901 to 1909 from the bowery at Canal Street to Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn. Steel towers are 336 feet high resting on masonry pedestals which are 92 feet below water line, the four cables weigh 6300 tons, length of bridge 8655 feet, width 120 feet, total cost $13,400,000.

WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE, NEW YORK CITY.

Williamsburg Bridge, a combined cantilever and suspension bridge, opened Dec. 19, 1903 crossing the East River from Delancey Street, New York City to Broadway, Brooklyn. Total length 7200 feet, width 118 feet, height 135 feet clear. Cost $10,000,000.

QUEENSBORO BRIDGE AND BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY.

Blackwell's Island Bridge, over the East River from East 59th Street and 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, to Jane and Academy Streets, Long Island City; great cantilever structure costing with approaches $25,000,000; rests on six masonry piers; 7,636 feet long, west span 1,182 feet; clear height over channels 135 feet; height of Island towers 324 feet, width 86 feet; two decks with 53 foot road.

BOWLING GREEN, NEW YORK CITY.

The Bowling Green is located at the foot of Broadway and is the city's oldest park. In 1626 it was used as a drill ground in front of Fort Amsterdam. In 1776 an equestrian statue made of lead of King George III was set up in the center of Bowling Green but on July 9th of the year it was torn down and made into bullets for the use of patriots. It is now the center of the most important business district in the city.

THE EQUITABLE BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

The New proposed Equitable Building is to be erected on one of the busiest spots of New York City. bounded by Broadway, Nassau, Pine and Cedar Streets. The site of the largest office structure in the world. It will occupy 4 city blocks and have a rentable floor space of 1,000,000 square feet. The height will be about 400 feet and 36 stories above the ground. Total estimated cost will be about $16,000,000.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

The Adams Express Co. Building is situated at No. 61 Broadway in the heart of the financial district. It is a strictly modern fireproof office building, on the main floor of which are located the general offices of the Adams Express Co., where all the business transacted by this Company is adjusted and audited.

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CITY INVESTMENT BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

The City Investment Building, located on Broadway between Cortlandt and Church Streets, is the most spacious office building in the world It covers a plot of 27,000 square feet, contains 13 acres of floor space and has room for 6,000 tenants. It rises 34 stories above the sidewalk, a total height of 486 feet.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

The Bankers Trust Co. is located on Wall Street at the N. W. Corner of Nassau St. The ground cost $825 per square foot, said to be the highest price paid for land anywhere in the world. The building is 39 stories 540 feet high. The Bankers Trust Co. has over $93,000,000 in deposits.

HUDSON TERMINAL AND TUBES, NEW YORK CITY.

The Hudson Terminal Buildings on Church Street, between Cortland and Fulton Streets are twin structures, and together form the largest office building in the world. The weight is estimated at 200,000 tons, resting on a cofferdam 400x178 feet, 75 to 98 feet deep. It is 22 stories, 375 feet high and has office room for 20,000 people. Twin tubes enter the basement from Jersey City.

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY.

Madison Square Garden occupies an entire city block from Madison to Fourth Avenue and 26th to 27th Streets. It is the largest amphitheatre in America, the interior being 300 by 200. 80 feet high with an arena 268x122 feet, seating capacity 12,000. The tower is 341 feet high, statue of Diana is 13 feet high. Erected in 1890 at a cost of $3,000,000.

TIMES BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

The Times Building is located in what is known as Times Square at the intersection of Broadway and Seventh Avenue and 42nd Street. It is one of the early skyscrapers of New York, contains the executive offices of the "New York Times".

ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY.

Ellis Island, the gateway of the New World is in New York Bay off the battery. All immigrants are landed and examined here by officers of the Department of Commerce and Labor before being permitted to enter America. 1,041,570 aliens were received here in 1910.

WHITEHALL BUILDING, AQUARIUM AND BATTERY PARK.
STEAMER "IMPERATOR" OUT BOUND, NEW YORK CITY.

Battery Park faces New York Harbor, being the Southern end of Manhattan Island. The Aquarium, formerly known as Castle Garden Fort, contains a complete collection of fish, sea turtles and other deep sea animals. The Whitehall building is the nearest skyscraper to the Harbor, the new addition rising to a height of 32 stories, 416 feet. The building was finished in 1911 at a cost of $4,600,000.

THE AQUARIUM, NEW YORK CITY.

The Aquarium, formerly known as Castle Garden Fort, is located at the foot of Battery Park, and is open to the public daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Here can be seen in large glass tanks, the most valuable and complete collection of fish, seals, turtles and other deep sea inhabitants in existence.

U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY.

The U. S. Custom House occupies an entire block at the foot of Broadway, facing Bowling Green between Whitehall and State Streets to Bridge Street. It is a magnificent carved granite structure, the finest of its kind in the world, erected between 1901-1907 at a cost of $7,200,000. The site was formerly occupied by Fort Amsterdam.

THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, TRINITY CHURCH AND WALL STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

The New York Stock Exchange, located on Broad Street, with an entrance on Wall Street, is built entirely of carved white marble. It was founded on May 17, 1792, the present building was finished in 1903. The board room is 112 by 138 feet and 80 feet high with the ceiling in gold relief. There are 1100 members trading daily from 10 A. M. until 3 P. M.

U. S. SUB TREASURY, NEW YORK CITY.

The U. S. Sub Treasury occupies a site in Wall Street formerly occupied by City Hall and the Capitol of the Province, afterward known as Federal Hall. In front of the building stands a statue of Geo. Washington, on the same spot where the living Washington stood on April 30th, 1789 when he took his oath as the first president of the U. S. The vaults contain immense deposits of coin, the sum stored here has reached $225,000,000 at one time.

THE BOWERY, NEW YORK CITY.

The Bowery, one of the most noted thoroughfares in the city, runs in a northeasterly direction through the most congested district of the famous East side. It practically begins at the Brooklyn Bridge under the name of Park Row and ends at Cooper Square. Was formerly a part of the old Boston Post Road.

CHINATOWN, NEW YORK CITY.

The heart of Chinatown is on Mott Street, from Bayard to Chatham Square. On this street and the immediate neighborhood live the majority of the Chinese in New York City. Here are located the joss houses the civil officers of the colony and lodging houses and restaurants, the gambling rooms and opium-smoking dens. The Chinese stores, containing mostly goods imported direct are always open to visitors.

THE GHETTO, NEW YORK CITY.

The Ghetto, also known as "Judea" covers a large section of the East Side between Third Avenue and the river from Chatham Square to 10th Street. It consists of 6 and 7 story tenement houses, crowded to their eaves with humanity. A certain square mile of this section is said to contrain a quarter of a million people. The narrow streets all through the Ghetto are thronged with push cart vendors, who deal in fruits and food stuffs of every description.

HALL OF RECORDS, NEW YORK CITY.

The Hall of Records is located on Chambers Street, from Centre to Reade Streets. It is built of solid granite, the interior finished in marble, bronze and mahogany. It contains the offices of the Register, County Clerk, Surrogate, and Tax and Law Departments, also vaults for the preservation of real estate records of New York County. Total Cost $10,000,000.

WOOLWORTH BUILDING AND CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK CITY.

City Hall Park from the Municipal building, and Park Row looking toward the Woolworth Building and Broadway. City Hall Park covers an area of 8¼ acres is the scene of all official ceremonies, from the celebration of Perry's Victory on Lake Erie 1812 to the opening of Subway on October 27, 1904. Department of City Government occupying 15 buildings in and around the Park.

CITY PRISON, (THE TOMBS,) NEW YORK CITY.

City Prison, known as "The Tombs," is located on the corner of Leonard and Centre Streets, a dismal structure of Egyptian architecture where prisoners are held pending trial; connected to Criminal Courts Building by the famous "Bridge of Sighs," which forms an arch between the two buildings over Franklin Street.

HERALD SQUARE, BROADWAY AND SIXTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

Herald Square and Broadway. North from 33rd Street, showing "The Great White Way," which extends from 34th Street to Times Square. It is the center of the greatest shopping and theatrical district in the World. "The N. Y. Herald" and "The Telegram" occupy the building in the center which is known as the Herald Square Building.

BROADWAY, NORTH FROM 45TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Broadway, New York's most famous thoroughfare, is lined with Theatres, Hotels and Restaurants, 45th Street being the very center of the Theatrical district. The many electrical signs and brilliant lights make this at night the most brilliantly lighted street in the world, and has earned for it the title of "The Great White Way."

GREELEY SQUARE AND BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

A view of Broadway from Greeley Square to Times Square, showing the upper end of the most important retail district in the world. The Mc Alpin Hotel, largest in the world, is shown in the foreground.

FIFTH AVENUE, NORTH FROM 42ND STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Fifth Avenue, North from 42nd Street, formerly a centre of fashion, is now a congested retail business district, some of New York's leading retail stores being located here. The city's foremost clubs are located near 43rd, 44th and 45th Streets. Delmonicas Restaurant, founded in 1828 is at 44th Street.

THE LITTLE CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER, NEW YORK CITY.

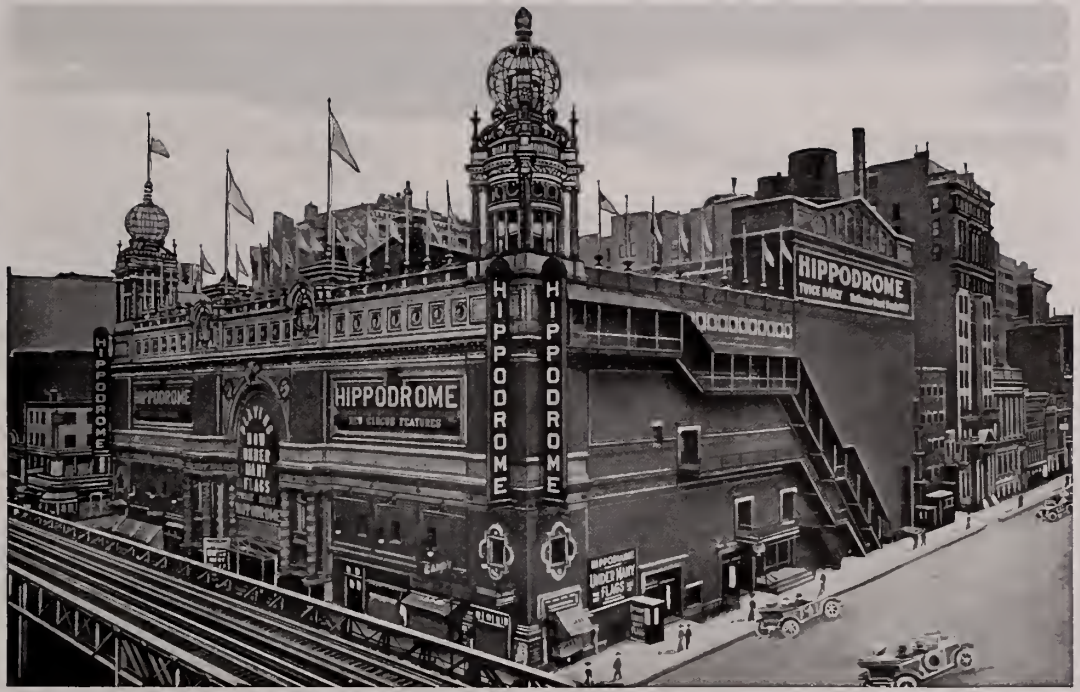
The little church around the corner is located on 29th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue. It is one of the best known churches in New York City and many of the most famous residents have been married there. The location makes it easily accessible to visiting couples who come to New York to wed.

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL, NEW YORK CITY.

The Grand Central Terminal covers 69.8 acres facing East 42nd Street, from Vanderbilt to Lexington Avenue, the largest and most costly Railroad Station in the world. It has 31 miles of tracks under cover, with a capacity for handling 200 trains and 70,000 passengers each hour. There are 42 tracks for long distance express trains on the 42nd Street level, and 25 tracks for suburban trains in concourse, 25 feet below the Street.

PENNSYLVANIA STATION, NEW YORK CITY.

The Pennsylvania Station covers the entire area from Seventh to Eighth Avenues and 31st to 33rd Streets. It is connected with New Jersey by twin tunnels under the Hudson River, 60 feet below the surface, also connected with Long Island by tunnels under 32nd and 33rd Streets. Station was opened on Sept. 8, 1910, cost of entire work over $100,000,000.



THE NEW YORK HIPPODROME, NEW YORK CITY.

The New York Hippodrome occupies an entire block on Sixth Avenue between 43rd and 44th Streets. It is the largest playhouse in the world. Has a seating capacity of 5200. The depth of the stage is 110 feet, the width 200 feet. Noted for its distinguished visitors, such as the President of the United States and Governors of every state in the Union, Royal visitors, Foreign Diplomats, and European official representatives have been pleased spectators at the Hippodrome.

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MCALPIN HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY.

The McAlpin Hotel, just finished, is the largest hotel in the world, occupying an entire block on Broadway between 33rd and 34th Streets. It is 25 stories high with 3 sub-basements, contains 1620 rooms, all outside, 1100 baths and 1800 telephones. Total cost $13,500,000.

HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK CITY.

Hotel Astor on Broadway between 44th and 45th Streets facing Times Square, was built by William Waldorf Astor in 1904, cost $7,000,000 enlarged and remodeled in 1909 additional cost $3,000,000. Has 900 suites with baths, magnificent banquet hall seating 1200. The exquisite restaurant located on the main floor is famous throughout the entire continent.

THE KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL—Located on Broadway on the south east corner of 42nd Street in the heart of Manhattan. It is beautifully decorated with mural paintings by Maxfield Parrish, James Wall Finn and Frederick Remington. It is noted as one of the finest Hotels in the U. S.

THE PLAZA HOTEL—Located on Fifth Avenue and 58th Street, facing Central Park and the Plaza. It is a model of elegance and beauty. 19 stories high and cost $12,500,000. It contains a beautiful Ball room accommodating 500 people.

THE MANHATTAN HOTEL—Located on Madison Avenue on the north west corner of 42nd Street facing the New Grand Central Station. It is one of the leading hotels in New York City, the location making it easily accessible to visitors.

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THE BELMONT HOTEL—Located on Park Avenue, between 41st and 42nd Streets, has the distinction of being the tallest Hotel Building in the world, being 292 feet high. One of the best known and most completely furnished Hotels in New York City, famous for its many palatial Hotels.

THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL—Located on Fifth Avenue between 33rd and 34th Streets consists of two separate buildings, the Waldorf on 33rd Street, built by Wm. Waldorf Astor, the Astoria on 34th Street, by Col. J. J. Astor. It is 314 feet high, 1,400 rooms in the combined hotels.

THE VANDERBILT HOTEL—Occupies an entire block on Park Avenue from 33rd to 34th Streets. New York City is noted for its palatial Hotels and the Vanderbilt is the latest and most exclusive on the list.

LOWER MANHATTAN FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE TOWER, NEW YORK CITY.

Lower Manhattan, showing a group of the tallest buildings in the world, including the New Woolworth Building, the Municipal Building and the Singer Building. The Brooklyn Bridge Tower, from which this view was taken is 400 feet above the water line.

Showing skyline of Manhattan from Jersey City. Manhattan Island 19.65 square miles, was purchased in 1626 from Indians for about $24.00, land values now $4,020,000,000, total realty value with improvements is $6,075,000,000, an average of $432,000 per acre.

The Island has 2,331,542 inhabitants, the lower end has an office population of 400,000; land there is worth from $200 to $600 per square foot and office space rents at from $1 to $40 per square foot.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF MANHATTAN, EAST RIVER
AND BROOKLYN FROM WOOLWORTH BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, NEW YORK CITY.

New York Public Library is located on Fifth Avenue covering two entire blocks from 40th to 42nd Streets. It is built entirely of marble and cost $9,000,000. The corner stone was laid Nov. 10, 1902 the library was opened May 23rd, 1911. The main stock room is 270 feet long, contains 1,600,000 volumes and has 7,000 periodicals on file.

NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY.

New General Post Office, Eighth Avenue, 31st to 33rd Sts. $6,200,000 structure over the station tracks and car yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad. 375x335 feet: offices of the Postmaster and his chief assistant on the second floor front; executive offices of the Railway Mail Service third floor front; letter mail handled on first floor, second class in basement; direct connection by chutes and elevators from each floor with Railway Mail cars on tracks under the post office.

THE LIBRARY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY.

Columbia University occupies an area of 26 acres from Broadway to Amsterdam Avenue, West and 114th to 120th Streets. Was originally founded as Kings College in 1754 at Broadway and Barclay Street. Moved in 1857 to Madison Avenue and 29th Street, new buildings on present site were erected between 1892 and 1902 at a cost of $13,000,000. Endowment $29,000,000.

CITY COLLEGE, OF NEW YORK CITY.

Amsterdam Avenue, from West 138th Street to West 140th Street. An imposing group of field stone and terra cotta buildings occupied in 1905; total cost of $4,000,000. Founded in 1847 as Free Academy. Furnishes free tuition supported by City at annual cost of $615,000.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK CITY.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located in Central Park facing 5th Avenue. The first permanent building centre of present group was occupied in 1880, additions were made in 1889 and 1894. The East wing was added in 1901 at a cost of $2,000,000. Was designed to cover 18½ acres and cost $20,000,000. Under the presidency of J. Pierpont Morgan it has become one the richest museums in the world.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, NEW YORK CITY.

The American Museum of Natural History, located on Manhattan Square West, from 77th to 81st Street, Columbus Avenue to Central Park West. Founded in 1869, opened 1877, facade on 77th Street costing $4,438,000 was completed in 1899. One of the largest Natural History Museum in the world, contains collections worth $10,000,000. more than a million visitors annually. Total cost estimated at $20,000,000.

TRINITY CHURCH—Located on Broadway at the head of Wall Street. Trinity is said to be the wealthiest parish in the world, owning $10,000,000 worth of real estate in the lower part of the city. Trinity church was founded in 1696, this being the third building on this site, completed in 1846. $40,000 bronze doors and a $100,000 marble altar, donated by the Astor family.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL—Located on Fifth Avenue at the corner of 50th Street. It is the leading Catholic Church in New York City and one of the grandest cathedrals in the world. One of the most interesting features of this great thoroughfare.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, TRINITY PARISH—Occupies one of the most valuable blocks on Broadway. It was erected in 1766, being the oldest church building in New York City. George Washington at one time worshipped in this church.

GRACE CHURCH—Located on Broadway, corner of 9th Street, opposite the Wanamaker Store, in down town district. It was built in 1845 and is one of the most prominent religious institutions in New York City.

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COLUMBUS CIRCLE, 8TH AVENUE, BROADWAY AND 59TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Columbus Circle is located at the intersection of 8th Avenue, Broadway and 59th Street, and is marked by an imposing monument of Americas discoverer. The 59th Street entrance to Central Park where the Maine Monument has recently been erected, is right opposite the Columbus Circle.

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GRANTS TOMB. NEW YORK CITY.

A magnificent mausoleum erected by the City of New York in memory of the famous general in recognition of his services during the civil war. Here side by side, lie the remains of Gen. U. S Grant and his wife. The tomb is visited by thousands daily.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT, NEW YORK CITY.

The Soldiers. and Sailors' Monument is situated on Riverside Drive near 89th Street. It is built of beautiful white marble, about 90 feet high. The columns in the center, of which there are 10, being 35 feet high.

ELEVATED R. R. CURVE AT 110TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Elevated Railroad Curve at 110th Street at this point the elevation is higher than in any other part of the city, reaching a height equal to five stories and requiring elevators at the station to take up and down the passengers. New York City is famous for its elevated Railroads, this is one of the most noted sections.

ENTRANCE TO CENTRAL PARK AT 5TH AVENUE AND 59TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Central Park extends between Fifth and Eighth Avenues from 59th to 116th street, being one of the most beautiful parks in the world. The Fifth Avenue entrance known as the Plaza Entrance is marked by a heroic statue of General William Tecumseh Sherman which was designed by Augustus St. Gaudens.

BETHESDA FOUNTAIN AND TERRACE, CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY.

Central Park extends between Fifth and Eighth Avenues from 59th Street to 110th Street being one of the most beautiful parks in the world. The Bethesda Fountain and Terrace are located on the Fifth Avenue side near the center of the park, and is one of the most popular spots, being the playground of the younger visitors.

CENTRAL PARK AND WEST LAKE. CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY.

Central Park extends between Fifth and Eighth Avenues from 59th Street to 110th Street being one of the most beautiful parks in the world The Lake is situated in the center of the park and during the summer months is covered with rowboats, which may be rented at a reasonable rate at a boat house. The Vine Arch bridge near the west end of the lake, is one of the most popular spots and is visited by thousands daily.

THE ENTRANCE, BOTANICAL GARDENS, BRONX PARK, NEW YORK CITY.

Bronx Park lies on both sides of the Bronx River, between Williamsbridge and West Farms. It comprises a total area of 662 acres 250 of which have been given to botanical garden and 261 to a zoological park. Both institutions are corporations managed by trustees and occupying their sites by an arrangement with the City. The Botanical Garden is open daily from 9 to 5, admission free.

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